

Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission

Minutes of Meeting held on December 13, 2007

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Tucson Metropolitan Housing Commission (MHC) was called to order by Jerry Anderson at 8:10 am on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at the Community Services Department, 310 N. Commerce Park Loop, Santa Rita Building, Terrace Conference room, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order

Commission Members Present:

Jerry Anderson
Jim Brooks
Pat DeVito
Linda Drew
Mike Grassinger
Judy Green
Andy Gunning
John Showalter

Commission Members Absent

Barbara Becker
Janet Marcus
Michael McDonald
Melanie Morrison
Richard Fe Tom
Tom Williams

Community Services Dept. Staff Present:

Emily Nottingham
Jack Siry
Erin Morris
Oralia Acuna

2. Approval of November 15, 2007 minutes

Jim Brooks made the MOTION and seconded by Mike Grassinger to approve the November 15, 2007 minutes. MOTION passed 8 to 0.

3. Chair's Report on Current Events

Updates given, no formal action taken

Jerry Anderson reported on the Barrio Rustico Opening event. 18 MLK residents are to move to Silverbell. There was a groundbreaking event for the Blanche Johnson Senior housing on 36th between Park and Kino. On December 18, 2007 on study session there will be a discussion on the Southwest Fair Housing foreclosure issues.

4. Annual Commission Retreat – Update on Topics

The Annual retreat is scheduled for the second Thursday of January (January 10, 2008). It will be at the Arizona Inn. We will have guest speakers on the Land Trust issue. Fred Karnas, Director Arizona Housing Department will be a guest speaker also. Request was made that an invitation be sent to Mayor and Council offices. Margaret Kish and Betty Villegas from Pima County have also been invited.

5. Curley School Project – Jim Wilcox

Jim Curley from the Curley School Project in Ajo, Arizona made a presentation on their \$6.5 million dollar tax credit project.

6. Subcommittee Updates/Reports/Potential Action

- Housing Trust Fund
Mike Grassinger informed the Commission of the THTF Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations that they are working on to bring forward to Mayor and Council subcommittee.
- Governmental Affairs
Jerry Anderson informed the Commission that at the last Subcommittee meeting they met with Representative Steve Farley.
- Downtown Housing
Jerry Anderson informed the Commission that the Downtown Subcommittee is waiting for their recommendations to be scheduled before the Mayor and Council Downtown Subcommittee.
- Growth and Planning
The Growth and Planning subcommittee has been working on the Land Trust issue which has now gone to the full Commission.
- Membership Recruitment
Jim Brooks informed the Commission that the Membership Subcommittee has met and is coming forward to the full Commission with a recommendation to appoint Evelia Martinez to the Metropolitan Housing Commission. MOTION was made by Jim Brooks and seconded by Judy Green to send Ms. Martinez's name to the Mayor and Council for appointment on the Metropolitan Housing Commission. MOTION passed 8 to 0.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Joint Meeting with Pima County Housing Commission
Discussion on setting a joint meeting with the Pima County Housing Commission was discussed. It was suggested that at the annual retreat meeting, when both Emily and Margaret Kish are in attendance, a discussion be held on the content and strategy for this joint meeting be discussed and an agenda be proposed.

8. Call to the Audience

No requests received.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Oralia Acuna